

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-10 (cancelled).

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method of producing a jointless and porous granular covering, in which rubber-elastic granules and a binder are mixed and applied to a base to form a surfacing, wherein prior to the curing of the binder, the surfacing is compacted and smoothed on an upper side, and prior to the curing of the binder, the compacted and smoothed surfacing is provided with a surface texture on the upper side by being subjected to mechanical pressure imparting depressions to the surface texture using an uneven embossing face wherein the surfacing is sufficiently porous throughout its entire thickness to enable water to flow downward from the upper side.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The method according to claim 11, wherein the granules have a mean particle size in a range from approximately 0.1 to 3mm.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The method according to claim 11, wherein the compacted surfacing is textured using a roller having an uneven roller surface.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method according to claim 11, wherein the surfacing is compacted and smoothed using a heated screed.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The method according to claim 11, wherein the compacted and smoothed surfacing is textured using a heated roller.

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Claim 16 (previously presented): The method according to claim 11, wherein the compacted and smoothed surfacing is provided with an irregular texture.

Claims 17-20 (cancelled).

Claim 21 (previously presented): The method according to claim 12, wherein the mean particle size is in the range from approximately 0.5 to 1.5 mm.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The method according to claim 11, wherein the compacted and smoothed surfacing is textured using an unheated roller.

Claim 23 (cancelled).